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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUO ET AL.

Examiner

Richard H. Kim

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iino (US 5,291,184).

Referring to claim 1, Iino discloses a light-emitting source emitting light (10); and reflector further comprising a base and a plurality of sidewalls extending from the base (20), wherein each of the sidewalls further comprises a multi-angle surface, in conjunction with the base (20), reflecting the emitted light toward a diffusion plate diffusing the reflected light (9).

Referring to claim 2, Iino discloses that the light-emitting source further comprises a lamp (10).

Referring to claim 5, Iino discloses that the multi-angle surface is an infinite angle surface (20).

Referring to claim 6, Iino discloses that the light emitting source, the reflector and the diffusion plate form a backlight assembly for the liquid crystal display device (1).

Referring to claim 9, Iino discloses the device comprising a plurality of optical sheets formed on the diffusion plate (6, 7).

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Referring to claim 11, Iino discloses a device comprising a light-emitting source emitting light (10); a multi angle reflector for reflecting the emitted light (20); and a diffusion plate for diffusing the reflected light (9).

Referring to claim 13, Iino discloses that the light emitting source further comprises a lamp (10).

Referring to claim 16, Iino discloses that the multi angle surface further comprises an infinite-angle surface and curved surface (20).

Referring to claim 19, Iino discloses a plurality of optical sheets formed on the diffusion plate (5-7).

3. Claims 3, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iino in view of Ogawa et al. (US 4,803,399).

Referring to claim 3 and 14, Iino discloses the device previously recited, but fails to disclose that the light-emitting source comprises a cold cathode fluorescent lamp.

Ogawa et al. discloses a device comprising a fluorescent lamp (2).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ a cold cathode fluorescent lamp since one would be motivated to obtain high luminance and efficiency (col. 2, lines 14-15).

Referring to claims 12, Iino discloses the device previously recited, and further discloses a base, and a plurality of sidewalls, wherein each of the sidewalls comprises a multi-angle surface, in conjunction with the base (20) but fails to disclose that the base is formed substantially parallel to the light emitting source.

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Ogawa et al. discloses a device wherein the base is formed substantially parallel to the light emitting source (2).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for the base to be formed substantially parallel to the light emitting source since one would be motivated to obtain high luminance and efficiency (col. 2, lines 14-15) by employ an elongated fluorescent tube.

4. Claims 4, 10, 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iino et al.

Iino et al. disclose the device previously recited, but fails to disclose that the diffusion plate is made of acrylic resin and is disposed between two prism sheets.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for the diffusion plate to be made of acrylic resin and disposed between two prism sheets, since utilizing prism sheets in combination with acrylic resin diffusion sheets are well known in the art in order to provide effective scattering of reflected light.

5. Claims 7, 8, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iino in view of Urlaub et al. (US 5,926,233).

Iino discloses the device previously recited, but fails to disclose a frame accommodating the light emitting source and the reflector, a base portion mounting the reflector; and a plurality of sidewall portions extending from the base portion and supporting the diffusion plate.

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Urlaub et al. discloses a frame accomodating a light emitting source (6) and an inset (3), a base portion mounting the inset (3), and a plurality of sidewall portions extending from the base portion (2).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ a frame accommodating the light emitting source and the reflector, a base portion mounting the reflector; and a plurality of sidewall portions extending from the base portion and supporting the diffusion plate since one would be motivated to provide support and protection to the apparatus. Even though Urlaub does not disclose the specifics of supporting the diffusing plate and the reflector, the purpose of frames, as are extremely well known in the art, is to provide protection and support to an apparatus.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard H. Kim whose telephone number is (571)272-2294. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-6:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on (571)272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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